

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 9, 11-15, 18-22, 27-31, 35-40, 47-52, and 56-66 have been rejected by the Examiner. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 9, 11-15, 18-22, 27-31, 35-40, 47-52, and 56-66 remain pending in the application.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's consideration of the arguments filed on June 1, 2006 and the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-5, 9, 11-15, 18-40, 47-52, and 56-66 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants further thank the Examiner for speaking with Applicants on November 17, 2006, and on a number of prior dates, regarding the rejection below.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112," item 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-5, 9, 11-15, 18-22, 27-31, 35-40, 47-52, and 56-66 have been rejected for failing to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. More specifically, the Examiner states that the amended claims' recitation of "entry of alphanumeric and user programmable phrases" is not described in the original specification.

Applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner states that "not the cumulative form of the outlined limitations . . . nor user programmable [phrases] as claimed is subject matter which was described in the original specification." First, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to page 7, lines 7 through 9: "Note that the example custom codes reserve the two shortest code[s] "dit" and "dah" for two user programmable words or phrases, such as yes/no, morning/evening, sweetie/jerk" (emphasis added). As can be seen, Applicants clearly recite user programmable phrases in the original specification. Second, the above quoted example custom codes contain not only the user programmable phrases quoted above, but also alphanumeric data. For example, Tables I and II (pages 8-9 of the original specification) represent a custom encoding scheme (see

page 7, line 6). As can be plainly seen, this custom encoding scheme includes alphanumeric data and user programmable phrases. Further, the "dits" and "dahs" specify a Morse-code like method of entry of the custom encoding scheme, and Figures 1a-1b illustrate a device capable of facilitating such entry.

Accordingly, the original specification does describe: "entry of alphanumeric and user programmable phrases." Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all pending claims, claims 1-5, 9, 11-15, 18-22, 27-31, 35-40, 47-52, and 56-66, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1513. If any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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